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Hubbards ask FSC for help

by Jennifer Scull
Strobe staff

We live in a violent society where every three minutes someone is robbed, every six minutes a woman is raped and every 28 minutes someone is murdered. As a result of violence in this country, each and every year, 40,000 Americans end up in a body bag.

Crime and violence in the college neighborhood was the primary discussion at the Student Government Association (SGA) meeting Tuesday night.

Drs. William and Deborah Hubbard, alumni of Fitchburg State College, spoke to SGA members in an effort to get the college community involved in the reduction of crime and violence in the lower Main Street neighborhood.

"Crime and violence know no geographic or socioeconomic boundaries," explained Deborah. "It can affect any of us."

The Hubbards, podiatrists who reside on Clinton Street, have been victimized numerous times since returning to the college neighborhood. "I have had my house broken into and everything taken, all of my jewelry, my original wedding band, my diamond ring my husband gave me 15 years ago and many other things," she said. "Our car has been broken into twice and the last time they tried to steal it."

The Hubbards are trying to organize a neighborhood watch program and are asking for help from the college community. They frequently patrol the college neighborhood themselves in their car, using their cellular phone to report suspicious activities to the Police.

The Hubbards hoped to open discussion between students, educators, policy-makers and the general public and to heighten awareness of the problems and begin finding solutions.

Throughout the meeting, students debated over the issue of campus safety and expressed concern about crime around campus. Students felt that giving Campus Police more power and fewer limitations would alleviate some of these problems.

SGA council listens to Dr. Deborah Hubbard. photo by Derek Valcourt

Scott McCabe, the Class of 95 Vice President, proposed a motion to give the Campus Police officers the ability to carry loaded firearms, instead of mace and batons, which are their present weapons. The policies of the college, however, prohibit the Campus Police from carrying such firearms.

The suggestion to arm Campus Police was sent to the Physical and Sexual Assault Awareness Task Force, a subcommittee of SGA, for further research and examination.

The need for Campus Police to patrol the streets adjacent to the college was also heavily discussed. Christopher Bourdeau, SGA's Public Information Director, motioned to draft a letter to the college administration voicing the council's suggestions.

Campus Police Chief Ted Cunningham, also present at the meeting, explained that Campus Police does not have jurisdiction off campus grounds. Any hap-

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FSC presents graduate seminar

FSC press release

Fitchburg State College will present a one-day seminar on "Legal and Ethical Issues That Challenge the Counselor" on October 1 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm in the Hammond Building.

Sponsored by the graduate counseling program, the seminar will offer six continuing education credits (CECs). Graduate credit is also available.

Guest speakers will include Barton E. Berstein, a Dallas attorney who will discuss legal issues such as courtroom testimony, malpractice, ethics and family law, and Michelle Garvin, a Boston attorney and sociologist who will discuss health law.

Dr. Berna Haberman will be the featured luncheon speaker. She will look at "Licensing Trends and Issues."

The seminar is co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Mental Health Counseling Association, the Massachusetts Counseling Association and the Massachusetts Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.

To register, stop by the college's Division of Graduate and Continuing Education or call (508) 665-3181.

WITS features Native American woman

by Kerry L. Smith
Contributing writer

Patricia Locke, known for her efforts and accomplishments in preserving American Indian languages, cultures and customs, spoke on September 19 as part of the WITS (Women in Today's Society) program at Fitchburg State College.

As a member of the Hunkpapa Lakota and White Earth Chippewa Indians, Locke lives on their reservations in North and South Dakota.

Locke told of the importance of the Lakota women, known as "brave-hearted women" that practiced writing, reading, skills and crafts, hunting and even participated in battles. Many battles were named after these women who cared for the wounded men in battle.

Locke believes that there are many women like this today, who "exemplify the Lakota values of bravery, wisdom, respect, generosity and compassion."

Today there are 158 languages still spoken amongst tribes in Alaska and the United States. Fifty-four of these languages are striving to stay alive. Locke said that the languages will live as long as we continue to teach the children of the future. Children are "sacred beings" and must be protected and educated.

Patricia Locke, a woman of great history with knowledge from many areas, would like to be remembered as an old woman who was born 38 years after Sitting Bull's death. Her advice to many is to "Do what you can do because we are all very smart, very powerful and we are all related."

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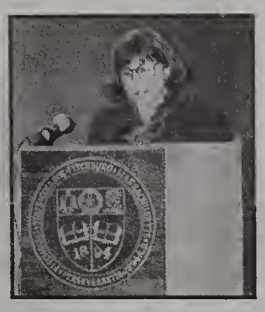

Dr. Lynne Wagner spoke at a presentation on breast cancer.

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Tim LaRoche and Kellie Wellers sing at The Cellar on Thursday nights.

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FSC Football lost to Westfield Owls.

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Cancer presentation dedicated to LaCoy

by Andrew Taylor
Contributing writer

The Richard Kent Recital Hall was filled to capacity last Thursday, September 22 to see Dr. Lynne Wagner's presentation on breast cancer entitled, "The Color of Hope, A Woman's Journey with Breast Cancer." The presentation was dedicated to Jacqui LaCoy, a member of the Communications/Media Department, who passed away this summer after a battle with breast cancer.

Shirley Wagner, Dean of Academic Affairs, began the evening with a brief introduction to the program and some personal words about LaCoy. She said LaCoy would be pleased to see the pink ribbons and handouts supplied at the door, which support the battle against breast cancer.

Wagner also introduced an annual award to be given in memory of LaCoy by the Communications/Media department to a student working with reality-based video.

The lecture was then turned over to Lynne Wagner of the Nursing Department. Her lecture was geared not only to make the audience aware of breast cancer, a disease which claims the lives of 46,000 women and 300 men per year, but also to explain the journey that she took to beat the disease.

Dr Lynne Wagner photo by Andrew Taylor

The lecture entailed poetry she wrote in a journal when she became sick. The readings were accompanied by a captivating slide collection that fit the mood of each poem perfectly. She said her writing gave her a sense of peace. Through each journal entry, she dealt with her illness and celebrated life.

Each line of poetry exemplified the courage that Wagner had each day during her illness. She spoke of a time when the disease gave her such a sense of loneliness that she didn't see herself as a mother or wife, instead she thought of herself as a woman with breast cancer.

When faced with this depression, Wagner wrote one of her poems, "First Love", which she wrote for her husband. The poem simply meant that she loved her husband, thanked him for his support, and hoped they could experience love from their past.

"New days led to new feelings," said Wagner. "Through my writing, I touched the core of my humanity."

Alumni weekend scheduled

FSC press release

Hundreds of Fitchburg State College graduates will return to campus October 14-16 for the FSC Alumni Association's annual Alumni Weekend.

Among the scheduled activities are anniversary class receptions, athletic events, an awards ceremony and tours of the college.

The weekend's festivities will begin October 14 with the sixth annual alumni volleyball game in Parkinson Gym at 7 p.m.

Saturday's busy schedule will include the President's luncheon at noon, during which members of the Class of 1944 and prior will be guests of honor, and football game versus Mass Maritime at 1 p.m., at Elliot Athletic Field. Also on tap is a commemorative postal cancellation station in Gallery of the Hammond Building at 10 a.m., campus tours, historical perspective of FSC in the library of the Hammond Building at 10 a.m., Estate and Financial Planning Seminar in White Lecture Hall at 10:30 a.m., a field hockey game at Elliot Field at 10:30 a.m., a GI reunion luncheon in the Pub at 12:30 p.m., and a volleyball tri-match in Parkinson Gym at 1 p.m.

Also, at 2 p.m. the FSC band Alumni Reception in the Hammond Building lounge, an Art Gallery Exhibit at 2 p.m. in the Hammond Building, the Class of 1959 thirty-fifth Reunion Social in the Pub at 3 p.m., the Centennial Mass at 4 p.m. in the Newman Center Chapel, Reunion Class Pictures in the McKay Campus Cafeteria at 5 p.m., the 97th Annual Reunion Banquet in the McKay School Cafeteria at 6 p.m., a soccer game at Elliot Field at 7 p.m., the Class of 1984 10th Reunion Reception in Holmes Dining Hall at 6 p.m. and a Cafe Party in Holmes Dining Hall at 8 p.m.

On Sunday there will be a Mass at the Newman Center Chapel at 11 a.m. and an alumni softball game at McKay field at 1 p.m.

Pre-registration is required for many events. For details on any events, call 343-3817 for more information.

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penings off-campus, unless life-threatening, are handled by the City of Fitchburg Police Department. Chief Cunningham explained that the school has hired extra Fitchburg Police officers to patrol the college neighborhood on our"busy" nights, meaning Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

"I would love to be able to say that you could walk anywhere within this area and be perfectly safe, but that is not reality," explains Cunningham. "Reality is that there is an element out there and the only way we can handle that element is by the students getting involved, providing information to the Police. Don't ignore it, call. Don't be apathetic."

Chief Cunningham is in daily contact with the Fitchburg Police Department and notifies the college community of potential danger and crime as soon as possible. Safety notices are produced and posted within eight hours of the reported crime.

William Hubbard hopes to act as "a bridge of understanding between the college neighborhood and the neighborhood residents who have a lot of prejudice against college students."

He believes that you should feel safe in your community while you are in college, not living in fear.

"We have got to stay away from the apathetic idea that if we just close our eyes and run away that our problems will be solved," explained Deborah in her final statement about apathy, a repeated issue throughout discussion.

The college community is encouraged to attend a fair on October 1 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the Green Street park. Free food and entertainment will be available.

Other new business discussed at the SGA meeting were the motions to appoint two students to the Student Judicial Board for the 94-95 academic year. The council passed both motions which appointed Matthew DeVeau and Sherri Nobriga to the Judicial Board.

CHAOS by Brian Shuster

The Amputation Diet Plan

In next week's issue...

The mysterious closing of Thompson Tunnel is revealed!

CAMPUS SPECIALS

342-0050
Fitchburg State

949-1330
Nichols College

754-2236
Holy Cross, WPI, Assuption College, Clark University, Becker College, Worcester State.

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Worcester Academy

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Buffalo Wings Available in October

FRESHMAN ELECTION SCHEDULE

Fall Semester 1994

October 7 Friday NOON	Deadline for Returning Completed Nomination Packets to SGA office
October 11, 12, 13 Tues., Wed., Thurs.	Campaigning
October 13 Thursday 1:30	All Candidates Hour location to be announced
October 19 & 20 Wed. & Thurs.	**VOTING** **G Lobby Hammond Building**

There are additional openings for Class and Commuters Board Positions.

Stop by SGA office for details.

100 years of music

by John McCahill
Contributing writer

"Popular music has been backward looking in the past one hundred years," said retired Fitchburg State Professor, Dr. Richard Kent. Therefore, musicians must be "more innovative in the next one hundred."

Dr. Kent shared this and other thoughts on the last century of popular music in a lecture/performance last Thursday at Kent Recital Hall, a venue named in his honor.

The event was the first in a series of lectures sponsored by the Humanities Department in celebration of the college's centennial.

After being introduced by Humanities Professor Harry Semerjian as "the very embodiment of a college professor," Dr. Kent began a crash course in popular music, explaining the various musical styles of the past century. Dr. Kent demonstrated these styles on the piano, playing an array of works from Scott Joplin's Ragtime of the early 1900's to more recent artists such as The Doors and The Rolling Stones.

While these styles may appear different, Dr. Kent explained, each style of popular music influences the next.

Dr. Kent hopes that future musicians move in new directions by putting more poetry in their music.

An integral part of the Music Department for many years, Kent was a professor and department chairperson. He has published articles, organ pieces, a children's song book, and many choral compositions issued by a dozen publishers.

Other lectures in the Humanities series will include: "The Expressionist Tradition in Boston" with Brandeis Professor Pamela Allara on Oct. 13, "Within a Progressive Century: New England Campus Design 1894-1994" on Nov. 3 with Kimberly Shillard, and "Flirting with the Essentials: Remarks on the American Philosophical Endeavor in the last 100 years" on Nov. 8 with Professor Ali Errishi. All lectures are at 4 p.m. in Kent Recital Hall.

Get in shape at Liberty

by Audra Johnson
Strobe staff

If you feel winded walking back from class or talk of losing those love handles but can't get motivated, consider this routine. Either start or finish your day at Liberty Fitness, located at 500 Atlantic Ave. in Leominster. Instead of watching Ricki Lake while bundled in bed, watch it pedaling away on a lifecycle.

Liberty Fitness offers aerobic classes, free weights, a swimming pool as well as cardiovascular and weight training equipment.

Three years ago the club started with one equipment room, a pool and an aerobics room. Today, on a guided tour you can see three large equipment rooms with televisions, a new aerobic stage and shock absorbent floor, saunas and steam rooms in both locker rooms, childcare and updated machines.

The cardiovascular rooms include: stair masters, treadmills, lifecycles and other various high tech machines guaranteed to work the heart. To tone and sculpt those thighs and pectorals use the leg press or smith machine.

Aerobic classes focus on all levels including high and low impact, step, aqua, circuit and various combinations. Those into the Tush Push, Achy Breaky and the Dirty Hitch Hiker can join the line dancing classes.

The indoor heated pool is 20x60 foot for the avid swimmer or those who want to revert to summer.

To avoid pain the next day take advantage of the free fitness assessments and exercise consultations.

The official time for renovation completion is January 1, and the price list changes. Individuals pay $149 for six months including the one time enrolment fee. Childcare options require an additional charge and senior citizens receive a discount.

If you join now individuals pay $99 for three months minus the enrollment fee. As of Jan. 1, everyone begins to pay the new membership fees.

Don't think because winter is here you can hide those stomachs and hips beneath sweaters and jeans. Spring break comes before you know it and wool is not a suitable fabric for a cruise.

Police log

Police Log: September 10-17, 1994

Sept. 10, 1994
Request for Police- Emergency call box activated at McKay School. Unknown reasons.
Protective Custody- One male subject.
Dispersal- Eight local males from Miller Lot.
Medical/Rescue Call- Female subject found unconscious. Ambulance transferred her to Burbank Hospital.

Sept. 11, 1994
Noise Complaint- At Town House apartment. Party dispersed.

Sept. 12, 1994
Noise Complaint- Large group in front of Russell Towers yelling. Officers dispersed crowd.
Medical/Rescue Call- Female subject having trouble breathing. Refused ambulance.
Larceny- Of gasoline from van parked on Authority Drive.
Larceny- Of pocketbook. Investigation in progress.
Dispersal- Five local males having a bike race on the main quad.
Medical/Rescue Call- Male subject with abdominal pain. Refused transport to Burbank Emergency Room.

Sept. 13, 1994
Motor Vehicle Tow- Blocking access lane.
Medical Transport- Staff member with cut hand to Burbank Hospital.
Medical/Rescue Call- Person reported unconscious on sidewalk. Ambulance called and transported subject to the hospital.
Larceny- Of License plate from car parked in the North St. lot. Plate information entered with the State Police, Leominster.

Sept. 14, 1994
Medical/Rescue Call- Transport male subject to Burbank Emergency Room with severe nosebleed.
Noise Complaint- City resident complaining about noise/loud music at New Halls. Party turned stereo off.
Disturbance- Report of two females fighting on Authority Drive.
Protective Custody- Two female subjects.
Larceny- Of a bookbag from Condike Science lab.
Noise Complaints- Five calls from city residents regarding loud loud music on Authority Dr.

Sept. 16, 1994
Disturbance- Report of a fight in progress. McKay and B.F. Brown students fighting in Parkinson lot. Dispersed.
Fire Alarm- Heat from a clothes dryer in Aubuchon Hall.
Harassment- Two females being harassed and followed by occupants in black car.

Sept. 17, 1994
Suspicious Person- Man attempting to gain access to Russell Towers and Aubuchon Hall. Dispersed from Campus.
Dispersal- Two local youngsters from the HP elevator and dumpster by Thompson Hall.
Police Information- License plate stolen on 9/13/94 has been recovered by Fitchburg Police.
Protective Custody- One male subject.

Deep Thoughts

"You know what would make a good story? Something about a clown who makes people happy, but inside he's real sad. Also, he has severe diarrhea."

- Jack Handy

MedTech Club underway

by Randy Miner
Strobe staff

The Medical Technology Program added a Medical Technology club this year to revive students interest and involvement within the profession.

Dr. David Grenache, a Clinical Chemist professor, is the club's new advisor. Grenache wants to provide Med Tech students with an insight to their chosen field. The club will draw the four Med Tech classes into a cohesive unit.

The club provides awareness of new developments concerning Medical Technology on campus, in hospitals, and with district, state and national societies. It plans to bring closer relations between faculty and students through the involvement of the Massachusetts Student Association for Medical Technology.

The rights of membership include voting, holding elective positions, and serving on any board or committee. There are no required dues.

This year's club president is Randy Miner, a sophomore in the Med Tech program. Other officers will be elected at the club's first meeting on September 29, at 1:30 p.m. in room 312 of the Condike Science Building.

Fishing is fun

by Greg Masse
Staff writer

"I think it's a big one!" This is an oftenheard quote in the world of fishing. To some, fishing is an excuse to sit by the water and drink beer and truthfully, sometimes it is. Yet, when you get that first bite and start reeling it in, all of that falls by the wayside. This is when it actually becomes a sport.

One perk of fishing as opposed to other sports is the experience gets better every time you tell someone about it. For instance, if you catch a three-pound bass in the afternoon, this fish could be six or seven pounds by nightfall.

Fishing is great in other ways as well. It is a great way to get yourself out of the workday world and unwind. There is nothing like sitting on a log by the river bank and letting the gentle rush of water clear your head. It feels pretty good to get away from it all.

Another prospect is no matter what skill level you are, it is always fun. Even the beginner can learn the basics in just a short time. This makes it a good activity for men, women and children alike.

Finding the right spot can sometimes be the most difficult aspect. You must think of the probability of catching a fish and the comfort factor. Being comfortable and mosquito free is more important than catching fish.

You could be catching fish all day and once those bugs start biting you can kiss your fishing trip goodbye.

When you think about fishing in New England, what comes to mind is a guy in his fifties with rubber pants and a checkered flannel shirt wading waist deep in the river shallows.

The history of fishing goes back many years before this, back before the setters came from England. Local Indian tribes used to fish the same estuaries that we do now. For them fishing was a matter of survival, not sport.

When the settlers arrived they fished here too. Nowadays, you are very unlikely to see anyone fishing for their dinner on your local pond, but that simply shows this age-old sport can change with the times. Fishing is and will continue to be a cherished part of our culture for generations to come.

Dr. Patterson conducts the FSC Marching Band.

photo by Jason Koivu

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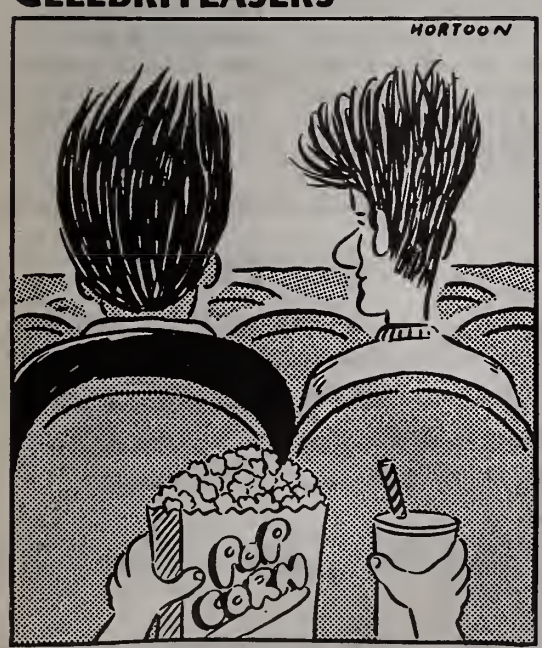
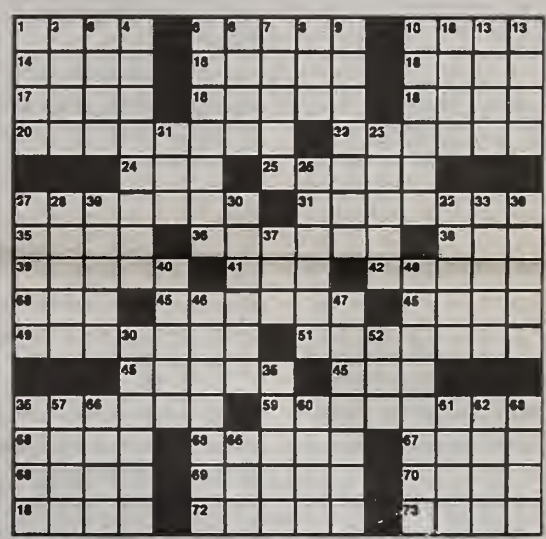


Which celebrity would be worse to sit behind in a movie theater, Don King or Lyle Lovett?

THE Crossword



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18 Forty-— (gold rush man)
19 Edge
20 Drawn out
22 Take out
24 Unruly crowd
25 Viscous stuff
27 Generous
31 Give life to
35 Good luck sign
36 Collect
38 Memorable period
39 Throws
41 Young boy
42 Indian dresses
44 Grow older
45 Attendant
48 Mature
49 Written messages
51 Push down
53 Uprisings
55 Neckline style
56 Claim as a right
59 Game bird
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65 More frigid
67 Corner
68 Ten cents
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71 Santa's chariot?
72 Honking birds
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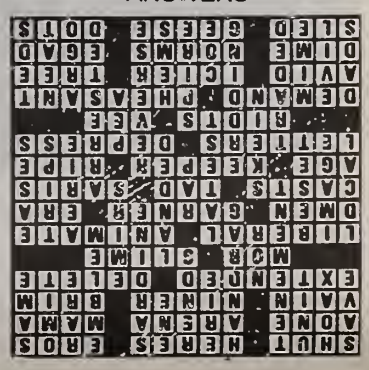

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Put in your two cents worth

by Leo Bray
Strobe staff

As I begin my final year at FSC, I'm hearing a lot of talk about fear. Everyone seems to be afraid of something, whether it's a class, a new roommate or that stuff in the back of the fridge. But did you know that some of your fellow students fear you? I don't mean that they're afraid to walk down your street or into your suite at night, although they might be. I mean they're intimidated by you in class.

I learned only recently of the extent of fear of peers felt by many new students. I hope I can help allay this fear. I recall feeling this phenomenon myself when I first transferred to FSC, but until this semester I thought it was just me. Yes, believe it or not, a section editor of the mighty Strobe once knew anxiety brought on by "brainier" students.

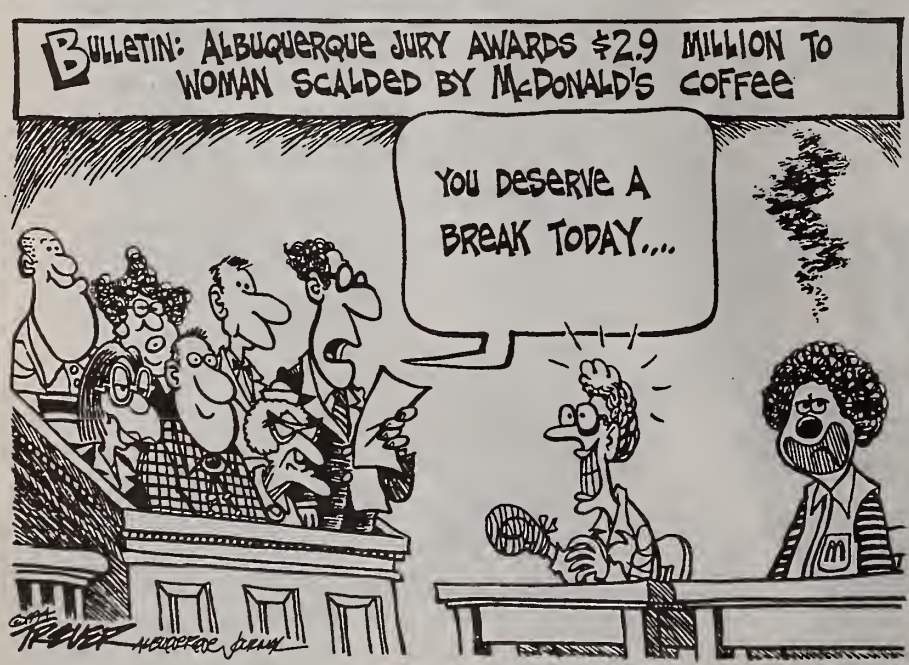
The scope of this anxiety was brought to my attention during a recent class discussion. The open discussion classroom — we're all familiar with it. It's that class in which the professor has us arrange our seats in a circle and share our views openly with our fellow students. Could this intimate circle actually be a setting for fear?

Yes. In one small class, an alarming number of students expressed awe of other students and consequent feelings of inadequacy. These fearful students had come to the conclusion that others in class had more valuable things to say and better ways in which to say them. They said things such as, "I thought I had a solid background in . . . but now I'm not so sure." I've said that I had similar thoughts when I started at FSC; I, however, lacked the guts to express them at the time.

In order for class discussions to be successful, everyone must feel free to offer input. If you hold back because you fear you're unworthy, both you and your classmates are missing out. If you remain silent, you don't know how others will respond to your ideas, and they don't know what you might have to offer to the discussion.

We learn by doing; therefore, you can only become more adept at communicating with your classmates through continued efforts in class.

So the next time you hear a more expressive student and think to yourself, "I'll never sound that good," just remember — that student has looked at someone else and thought the exact same thing.



Beef Jerky Mentality

by Rob Haneisen
Strobe staff

One of these days someone is going to ask you what you learned in college. This person could be a future employer, a relative or just someone you meet on the golf course. For me, it was the latter.

A few weeks ago I was on the first tee at Gardner Municipal feeling quite content to relax during a round of golf, when my threesome became a foursome with the addition of Vinny. After the usual, "Hi, how are you, where are you from, etc.," the man dressed in denim asks what we, my threesome that is, do for a living. We all happen to have graduated or are currently attending college.

Well, Vinny in his infinite wisdom and knowledge of how the real world works tells our group of how he never saw the need for college.

"I always thought it was a complete waste of time," spoke the twenty-something lad in a tone similar to that of the great Wizard of Oz. To Vinny, the mark of true success was the extent of your bank book.

When I responded to his inquiry that I was an English major, he questioned the extent of my vocabulary and asked if I was trained in the proper use of grammar.

I tried to keep my sentence structure simple for the rest of the round while conversing with Vinny and managed to insert a question in between shots as to what he did.

It turns out that Vinny is an entrepreneur. He sells snack foods, mainly beef jerky, to convenience stores.. It is this success and achievement in life that Vinny prides himself. Beef jerky.

Then the inevitable question came. "What do you exactly learn in school?" A question that I interpreted as "What skill am I learning in school that will increase my monetary earnings down the road?"

I had no answer for Vinny. I began to explain about how I wanted to write professionally for a newspaper one day and possibly publish fiction and poetry, but these aspirations fell on deaf ears.

You see, Vinny could not comprehend learning for learning's sake. As college students, we are blessed with the opportunity to be in an environment that receives the seeds of knowledge. It is the responsibility of the students to take that seed, place it in fertile ground, and let it grow into a massive tree whose branches reach and spread to the farthest horizons. Education is our own responsibility.

Vinny chose his educational forum to be the business world where profit margins dictate the grading curve. As students, we put ourselves in a situation that allows our brains to exercise thought. Are we taught to contemplate, interpret and theorize? No. We are merely given the opportunity to do so.

A friend of mine believes that there are worker bees, drones, and the Queens. We all have our roles in society and likewise depend on the functions of all the other people in society.

Vinny serves his function to society by providing us with that precious beef jerky at 3 a.m. on a Tuesday night when we walk into an all night convenience store, indifferent to what we place in our mouth. Without him we may choose to dine on Twinkies.

With this in mind, look at your textbooks in a slightly different manner. Even if you one day peddle beef jerky, at least have the decency and the intelligence to appreciate what your peers are capable of and what they may strive for, even if it has no monetary value.

QUOTE

" Where there is much desire to learn, there of necessity will be much arguing, much writing, many opinions; for opinion in good men is but knowledge in the making."

- JOHN MILTON from *Doctrine and Discipline*

Fashion and fighting

by Shawn Kelly
Staff writer

When I was in first grade I got into a fight on the playground over a lost Star Wars action figure. It was the first of many schoolyard brawls to come in the next twelve years of education, and looking back I notice one big difference between fighting then and now: firearms.

It's rather strange to hear myself saying, "back in my day it was different," especially since I'm twenty-two years old and those cliches are usually reserved for the forty-something crowd. Every day you hear about thirteen-year-olds shooting each other at school or at home. If my first fight had happened today instead of sixteen years ago, I probably would have gotten a bullet in the head for Yoda the Jedi master, instead of a bloody nose.

Why are so many kids carrying guns? When did this complete lack of respect for human life catch hold of our nation's youth? Time, Newsweek, Geraldo and all the other greats are asking these questions and giving us their theories and solutions, but none of them are quite good enough. The American people need to place the blame, and I'm here to help.

Let's try placing the blame on the vicious young murderers themselves. Nope, that won't work, because that would mean they're responsible for their own actions, and we all know after the Menendez, Bobbit and various other trials that direct responsibility makes the public queasy.

Okay, how about the parents? Everything you do is basically your parents' fault. Whether they weren't around for you or they were beating the crap out of you, or whatever, you can literally get away with murder if you can master the art of laying blame on dear old Mom and Dad.

We're getting warmer here, but I don't think the responsibility has been diluted quite enough yet. How about society? That's always a good one; let's blame society. That way no matter what happens it's always somebody else's fault. The society-as-scapegoat routine is a pretty good one, but it's not very original, especially when I know the real culprit behind gangs, guns, drugs, murder and mayhem.

It's fashion! How do you expect these poor underprivileged kids to duke it out with all those baggy clothes on? They have to carry guns. Have you ever tried to wrestle while wearing clothes four sizes too big? You'd suffocate. Also, how can you run away from trouble with your pants belted around your thighs? It's impossible. Reasoning your way out of a fight is also out of the question if you can't even put a hat on straight, so carrying a 9mm is the obvious solution to the fashion oppression that is occurring today.

Always remember as you go through life that no matter what you do, nothing is bad, no one is evil and no matter what happens, it's not your fault, because accountability is un-American.

QUOTE

"I will not fear; fear is the mind-killer. Fear is the little death that brings total obliteration."

- Frank Herbert from *Dune*

Petty complaints spoil the show

by Jason Koivu
Strobe staff

If you're like me, you probably viewed high school as an extended social gathering. It probably wasn't until some time after your freshman year in college that you finally, half-heartedly declared your major.

Perhaps along the way you were lucky enough to come into contact with a force that influenced you in a positive sense. Maybe that person made it easier to make that crucial choice of major or even pointed you in the right direction.

In a person's lifetime there are maybe a handful of people who change its course in some essential way. Those few people have special, even extraordinary qualities about them, and can affect others in a lasting way.

Teachers probably have the best opportunity to mold stray minds. Not all of them have the ability or even the desire to do so. When a teacher is willing and able to do this, he or she should not be handicapped by a select few who have petty complaints about the teacher's personal style of teaching.

There are so many students and only so many good teachers, that to destroy future students' inspiration by hindering an effective source seems absurd. It's a contradiction of logic.

It has come to my attention that a small group of students has asked that disciplinary action be taken against a professor at this college who uses "foul" language in the classroom.

For so many years now, swearing has been somewhat taboo. How can such worthless words mean so much to certain people? Are they afraid that a swear will corrupt their adult minds? If this is possible, we must put an end to such an atrocity. If not, then to hell with it.

Take the following sentence, which supposedly contains offensive language, as an example of the insanity of such an idea: "Jesus Christ, I'm wasting my time going to school!" In case you missed it, the offense would be with "Jesus Christ." I've never known anyone who found Jesus to be offensive, except perhaps the scribes and the pharisees who are said to have gotten Pontius Pilate on his case.

It is my belief that the accusing students were having trouble in this professor's class and were trying to lay the blame somewhere other than with themselves. Perhaps I'm wrong and they truly were disgusted by the professor's language. I just find that hard to believe in this day and age.

Squeeze the Charmin

by Jason Koivu
Strobe staff

Call me Al Bundy.

It has recently come to my attention that the toilet paper in the bathroom adjacent the Commuter Cafe has been replaced with a brand that is softer than it was last semester.

This change may seem insignificant to some. However if you've ever had to wipe your ass with the stuff that used to fill the dispenser, you'll know that this is something to rejoice in.

In trying to describe the past brand, names such as cardboard and sandpaper, and adjectives like harsh, unforgiving, cruel, menacing, and even beastly come to mind. The experience was like being in a desert. You wanted to get through it as soon as possible.

But, with the new brand, a bathroom patron can savor the experience as they would an ice cream sundae. Those pre-toilet paper jitters no longer exist. Each use brings a satisfied sigh of relief and a smile to your face.

Just like Al Bundy, I like my toilet paper to be soft, non-abrasive and user friendly. I'd just like to thank the person(s) responsible for this unexpected happiness that enters my life just after something else has left it.

Tim & Kellie delight Cellar

by Joe Viola
Contributing writer

Remember those great times you had at the Wine Cellar? You know, those nights when you could meet with friends, drink a few 'cold beverages', and enjoy an unplugged session with Eric Hellweg. Well, a few of the faces may have changed, but the Cellar is still 'the place' in Fitchburg to have a fun and relaxing Thursday evening out, due to the addition of Tim LaRoche and Kellie Wellens. These two local talents fill the Wine Cellar with their music at 9 p.m. each Thursday night.

LaRoche and Wellens, hailing from Gardner and Westminster respectively, have been playing the local scene after forming their duet six months ago. They were both familiar with each other, as each had a brother playing in a band together. And as fate dictated, they decided to start playing together when LaRoche saw Wellens singing during an open microphone night. Shortly after, the tandem of Tim and Kellie was formed.

In their search for venues to play, they have found steady gigs for four or five evenings a week, including pubs such as Partners, Sully's, The Lake Lodge and of course, the Wine Cellar. Their goals have since broadened somewhat, as they both plan to use their local success as a stepping stone for work in other cities, and to write more of their own music .

Despite their short time together, Tim and Kellie have managed to put together an assortment of music that spans the last three decades. The variety of music and their ability to play is impressive despite the short time they've been together. It's almost as if they have been playing together for years.

Their repetoire includes songs by Jefferson Airplane, Janis Joplin, Pearl Jam, Tori Amos, and 10,000 Maniacs. When asked about their stage sets, they both attributed their quality selection to "lots of practice." Their appeal settles well on a mixed crowd of college students and older patrons because of their variety of selections and smooth performance.

The Wine Cellar's atmosphere is laid back enough for you to pull up a chair and listen to great music from two people who love to play. If you ever need a break from the rigors of college life, grab a few of your roommates, friends, or co-workers and go directly to Main Street, Fitchburg. You're likely to find just what you need, a great night out with superb entertainment to boot with Tim and Kellie at the Wine Cellar.

Wild Kingdom

By Anthony Rubino, Jr.

"I'm not *against* half-naked girls—not as often as I'd like to be..."—*Benny Hill*

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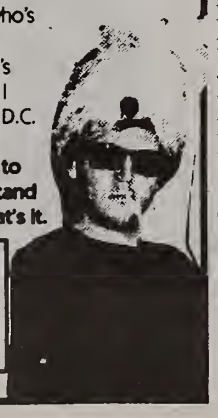
Q. Dear Mr. College: Half the time someone asks you a question, you don't answer it. You'll print it in your silly little column, then you respond by going off on your own little tangent, or making what you think is a funny joke. Some people are really relying on your advice, and you just blow 'em off. Is this a question and answer column or what man? —Jay, Providence, R.I.

A. Dear Jay: Did ya ever eat corn on the cob, and get a little kernel of corn stuck between your teeth? And you're someplace where there's no dental floss, and for some reason there aren't any toothpicks, and you can't get that little piece of corn out no matter what you do or how hard you try. So you do that thing where you, like, suck on your teeth and that doesn't work either, then finally you just have to give up and wait for it to fall out by itself. Man, that happened to me the other night. I hate when that happens. Anyway... *thanks for writing!*

Q. Dear Mr. College: There's this girl in my physics class who's obsessed with me. She's really attractive, but I'm seeing someone else. She won't take no for an answer. Now she's even started mailing me nude photos of herself. How do I convince her I'm just not interested?—Gary, Washington, D.C.

A. Dear Gary: You poor bastard! You must be going through hell! Before I can help you, though I'll need to see those photos. You know, so I can better understand the uh... agony your experiencing...yeah...yeah, that's it.



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Summer movie re-cap

by Shawn Sullivan
Staff writer

The summer of 1994 will go down in movie history as the season in which both the roar of a lion and the innocence of a simpleton simultaneously conquered the top ten list of highest grossing films of all time.

Autumn is upon us, chilly weather is setting in, and all we're left with to keep us warm is some memories of the hottest summer at the movies in years.....

"Maverick"(*** out of four) rode onto the silver screen on a donkey last May, but did not make as much of an ass of himself as "The Flintstones"(**) did when their release was anything but a gay old time when it opened a week later. The former starred Mel Gibson in a comedic update of the popular western television series that galloped through living rooms in the late Sixties. A surprising charmer, this hip sting flick with a great poker face holds a cool three-of-a-kind in its hands: it has a trio of likable stars(goofy Gibson, feisty Jodie Foster, and smooth James Garner), a reliable director (Richard "Lethal Weapon" Donner), and a breezy, adventurous script.

"The Flintstones," another TV show adapted for the screen, was its own worst enemy. The performances were sharp and the illusion of bringing everything from animation to live action was wonderfully complete. Add it all up though and it's still just "The Flintstones," a half hour program that was good because it managed to keep its stories to half an hour. Like the overlong "The Adams Family," this family comedy wears thin, and ultimately ends up a yabba-dabba-don't.

Action films took us everywhere this summer, and only a few stops weren't worth the trip. A movie without any stops, however, ruled the lot: "Speed"(***1/2) was a complete surprise, racing out of left field, and to the top of the box office. To call this movie "Die Hard On A Bus" is to comprise its merciless rush of adrenaline and sheer entertainment value: this is "Die Hard In Fifth Gear." For skeptics like myself who thought this was gonna be another dimwitted bogus journey for surfer dude Keanu Reeves, "Speed" was a most excellent adventure. Here is an action vehicle with stripped brakes. It opens with a hanging elevator car, turns into an explosive bus trip, and ends in a subway careening out of control.

It's too bad Eddie Murphy couldn't have hitched a ride with Keanu. His "Beverly Hills Cop III"(**1/2) was actually a pretty fun film, despite the fact that the series is outdated. However, audiences are smarter these days, and everyone knows this film was a tired attempt to save Murphy's career.

One career that was saved this summer was "Ahnuld" Schwartzenegger's. Hellbent on extinguishing the stink from 1993's "Last Action Hero," he teamed up with "T2" buddy, James Cameron and put James Bond out of business. "True Lies"(***) combined action, romance, and comedy with the zing of a martini downed in one gulp. Schwarzenegger flexes his muscles and adds "debonair" to his screen image, which is no small feat for a guy who played a lughead named Conan just ten years ago. Jamie Lee Curtis is sexy in the role of the wife who thinks her husband is a boring salesman while he's actually saving the world, but her character provides a setback for feminism that dates back to the days of Dr. No. Tom Arnold, the former puppy dog of Roseanne comes into his own in this film, and I am confident that we'll be seeing more of him soon — a fate I wouldn't have wished on anybody before I saw him in this movie.

And here is something that is true, and no lie: "Blown Away"(*1/2) blew. A diffused "Speed," this action drama was about another mad bomber trying to make everything go boom. Tommy Lee Jones is devilish as the villain, but his performance of an Irish terrorist out for revenge against a Boston cop is one dud of a follow-up to his win for "The Fugitive" on Oscar night. Jeff Bridges could have emerged from this film as a new action hero, but such a stature

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Lorenzen Exhibit opens at FSC

by Jason Koivu
Strobe writer

Pride, wisdom, natural beauty, and intimacy all combine to form the personal element that sparkles like a diamond-in-the-rough in each of Professor Louis Lorenzen's works on display at FSC's Art Gallery.

Lorenzen's exhibit, "People and Places" has pieces done in water color as well as pen and ink. While most of the water colors depict scenes of rural life , for the most part, the pen and inks portray a more intimate, and in some cases, cynical touch. Both speak elegant phrases of Lorenzen's personal style as noted by Junior, Christine Dion, "He brings you into his life."

Paintings of the country side, sea scapes, and winter scenes evoke the romantic notion within nature. The sea scapes, especially, are notable for their liveliness of action. Crashing waves rise above the rocks, throwing airy foam into a skyline of blues, pinks, and fading purples.

Generally, the pen and inks can be placed in two categories: portraits of the artist's forefathers and abstract works based on a theme.

The technique used with the pen has the effect of adding a sense of pride and dignity to his drawings of Native Americans. A portrait of Lorenzen's grandfather, a Crow indian, benefits most from this style as its helps to enhance the lines of wisdom within his aged features.

In another sketching he uses a headshot of his father, who died when Lorenzen was seven years old, and his own body as a model to depict how a seven year old would see his father, with strong hands and big feet.

Abstract works such as "Where Have All The Flowers Gone" and "The Zero Factor" utilized distressfull and chaotic images tied to a general theme to mesmerize the viewer. The use of black and white drawings with color interspersed helps to draw attention to, and away from, certain aspects of the piece.

"The Zero Factor," a sketching with patriotic symbols, was used for the cover of a book about all the Presidents elected in a year ending in zero, who all died in office, except for Ronald Reagan. This fact-based fictional story is about a President who gets shot(such as Reagan did) and resigns office. However, said Lorenzen, the book so much resembles the Reagan incident that he and all who were involved with the book were consequentially investigated by the C.I.A.

Many of the pieces at the gallery Lorenzen did while on a recent sabatical.

"I had a serious program in my mind of things I wanted to do. I wanted to explore some things and I wanted to see what it's like to paint everyday," said Lorenzen.

During this Centennial year only the works of FSC faculty will be displayed. "People and Places" will be shown until Oct. 7 and will be followed with an exhibit by Helen Obermeyer-Simmons.

Calendar Events

Sunday, October 16, 2 pm. Lecture. Dr. Timothy Kendall, assoicate curator of Ancient Egyptian, Nubian and Near Eastern Art at the Museaumof Fine Arts, Boston, will discuss the Paintings from the Tombs and Temples of Ancient Egypt by Joseph Lindon Smith, on exhibit at the Fitchburg Art Museum, 185 Elm Street, Fitchburg. An Elsie D. Simonds Lecture, open to the public at no charge (with general Museum admission of $3 for adults).

Sunday, October 23, 2-4 pm. Mexico Today Workshop, exploring the diverse cultures that make up present day Mexico. Art projects may include Mexican tile design and clay sun masks. For ages 8-12; limited to 12 students. Fitchburg Art Museum, 185 Elm Street, Fitchburg. Members, $10, non-members, $12. Call (508) 345-4207.

The Woman Warrior, a play adapted from the novel by Maxine Hong Kingston, will play at the Huntington Theater until October 10. Student rush tickets can be purchased two hours before the performance for $10.00 on day of show. Call the Box office for ticket information at 617-266-0800.

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couldn't have been achieved because the film had no compelling action.

And what would a Summer be without Harrison Ford? His "Clear and Present Danger"(**1/2) was much better than the sell-out film version of "Patriot Games," but I wish the film could have gone more with the slimy politics and less with the Ramboesque action. The movie has a slow beginning, a mesmerizing midsection, and a routine ending. What it also has is the icon of our generation, Harrison Ford, once again at the top of his game as America's oldest boy scout.

Thanks to Leow's Theatre in Leominster for their cooperation.

(Part two of this Summer movie review will appear in next week's issue)

"Life carries on easily until the day when the chance feeling of absurdity leads to uneasiness."

-Albert Camus

from *The Myth of Sisyphus*

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Thursday, September 29, 1994

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8:55 p.m.	Searstown & Cinemas
9:05 p.m.	Orchard Hills
9:25 - 9:30 p.m.	Aubuchon
9:50 p.m.	Searstown & Cinemas
10:00 p.m.	Orchard Hills
10:20 p.m.	Aubuchon
10:40 - 10:45 p.m.	Cinemas
10:50 p.m.	Orchard Hills
11:10 p.m.	Aubuchon
11:30 p.m.-11:35 p.m.	Orchard Hills
11:40 p.m.-11:55 p.m.	Cinemas
12:15 a.m.	Aubuchon

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Economics 101

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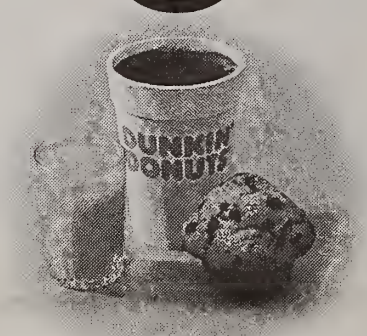

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Women's soccer: Season two

by Kristen Wiley
Contributing writer

The women's soccer team is back for their second season of play. The Lady Falcons finished their opening season of last year with a record of 5 and 9, which is respectable for a first year program. With that in mind, this year they have looked to improve on that, and in the process have outscored opponents 21-2 in just the first few games.

Recruiting has been the key to this year's squad, with six of the 11 starters being freshman. Newcomer Marcie McKenna lends incredible skills and speed to the team. Twins Stacy and Maryann Barrett prove to be identical both on and off the field, playing quick and aggressive soccer. Wendi Sheffer is a great asset to the team with her strong crosses from the wing, allowing for many scoring opportunities. Cory Lynn Larkin controls the backfield with her big kicks and aggressive play. Also new to the team are Juniors Julie Robinson and Becker College transfer Laura Burns.

Yet another strength for the team is the depth of the bench. Each player has shown great ability and drive, stabilizing the level of play throughout the games. Freshman Nicole Gallant scores two of her goals against Emerson coming off the bench.

Fullbacks Heather Hall, Chrisann Barret, and Tara Trudell are exceptional in the backfield, and forward Jamie Maher always plays a strong game. Teammate Heather Draper hustles in the midfield, and Karen Irving shares the task of goaltending.

Returning from the inaugural season are Senior goalie Stacey Mawn, Senior Allyson McGinn, and Junior Ginger Boermeester. Also returning is Sophomore Andi Kane and Juniors Kelly Koscielecki, Melissa Bourie, Kristen Wiley, Maria LaVita, and Kara Brogan.

The team can be seen at home on Thursday, the 29th of September, when they take on MASCAC rival Framingham State College.

Announcements

First come, first shot. Flu vaccinations will be given in October by Student health Services. Cost will be $5.00 to students and staff. Sign up in Student Health Services by October 7. Only 200 shots available.

English Club meets Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the Commuters Cafe. All are welcome!

From the
Locker Room

Nobody's asking, but...

by Todd Finn
Strobe staff

* In case you haven't yet noticed, the women's soccer team is still undefeated, atop the college standings at 4-0. If they are able to pull out victories over non-conference foes Regis and Anna Maria, that possible 6-0 record could very well be the confidence booster needed to defeat Framingham State, or even win the MASCAC. Not too bad for a second year program!

* Our wonderfully talented cheerleaders, clearly a cut above every other small college squad I've seen around the league, are still not recognized as anything more than just a club here at FSC. In my opinion, anyone who can cartwheel, backflip, and jump around wearing our school colors for the benefit of our teams, should be considered an athlete and treated as such. They deserve a lot more respect.

* With six games remaining after the humbling loss to Westfield State, the football team still has a good chance at placing highly in the NEFC. This is a fun and competitive team that has put FSC back on the football map in New England. Anyone who thinks these players have given up on the season just because of one loss is sadly mistaken, and should get off the bandwagon now. One game at a time, guys. We still believe!

* Prior to this year, the men's soccer team has had 12 consecutive winning seasons. What in the world has happened? 0-3-1?

* If you ever get the urge to see an exciting, physical, fast-paced sport, why not catch a field hockey game? If the rules and regulations seem confusing, don't worry. Remember, when the ball goes in the other team's cage, you cheer! Make a whole lot of noise! Pay attention, and you might even catch the old "elbow to the midsection trick". This is an outstanding sport, and we have an outstanding team at FSC.

* Our volleyball team, despite a 1-5 record, has hung tough against their established opponents in every game so far. Jen Merchel, Melanie Fullerton, and Kristie St. Cyr have competed extremely well in the process of rebuilding. If you get the chance to catch Merchel and crew in action, (Next home game is Oct. 4 at 7:00 vs Mass Maritime) you'll agree that this volleyball team is overdue to explode and much better than their record indicates.

* For you basketball fans, rumor has it that FSC has a few surprises in store for the upcoming season. Richard Harding should be better than ever, Niko has gotten even bigger and should be the rebounder to beat, and some fine recruiting has changed the attitude of this year's prospective players.

* Any comments, stories, or suggestions dealing with athletics can be dropped off at the Strobe Office. It is difficult to cover every team with so many events going on simultaneously, so please feel free to contribute stories you'd like to see in the Strobe.

Deep Thoughts

"To me, boxing is like a ballet, except there's no music, no choreography, and the dancers hit each other."

- Jack Handy

Owls prey on FSC football

by Todd Finn
Strobe staff

What goes around comes around, or so they say. After dishing out two shutouts in as many weeks, the FSC Football Program took one on the chin, losing on the road to a solid Westfield State College contingency, 23-0.

Tim Lightfoot, the well-known Owl runningback, rushed for 130 yards and scored two touchdowns, while FSC's Matt Hughes and Jason Flannery combined for 62 ground yards in the driving rain and chilling wind. Simply put, things just didn't go well for the 2-1 Falcons.

After recovering a first possession fumble on the Westfield nine yard line, FSC failed to post any kind of score. From that point on, it seemed Westfield State took total control, chalking up 421 total offensive yards.

Freshman Quarterback Jason Dyer had an unusually off night for FSC, throwing three interceptions. Despite the turnovers and lack of offence, however, the Falcon defence played well. Chris Coutu, Tim Horan and Dave Mambro recorded 15, 12, and 11 tackles in what should have been a winning performance.

The green and gold still hold a winning record, however, and will try to run it to 3-1 against Bridgewater State on Saturday's home game. With Maine Maritime losing to Worcester State last Saturday, the Falcons still have NEFC title hopes on their minds.

The Falcon Football team will have to turn things around this weekend against Bridewater State to get back on the winning track.

photo by Chris Girouard

Field Hockey dominates the Bears

by Todd Finn
Strobe staff

One week ago, New England Field Hockey Powerhouse, Southern Maine, did not escape from Elliot Field with a fingernail unbitten, but took with them a victory against the Fitchburg State College field hockey team.

Two days later, the letdown Falcons traveled to Nichols, only to be handed loss number two from a team they could have beaten. As a result of two straight defeats, Head Coach Lisa Valardi regrouped her players and changed her strategy, beefing up the defence and spreading out the offence. This experiment would be tested on Saturday, against a tough Western New England College team.

The fired up Falcons took the field that afternoon with determination in their eyes and victory on their minds, earning win number one with a single goal shutout, upping their record to 2-1.

From the very beginning, the Green Brigade controlled most of the activity, relentlessly denying the Bears any opportunity to compete. Halfback Tina Leger showed speed and power throughout the first half, while Tiffany Davis and Erika Klimko, along with the aggressive Ashley Aube, kept most of the play in the WNEC side of the field.

Midway through the first half, Forward Erika Oliver blasted a drive amidst a group of six players, beating the WNEC goalie and putting Fitchburg State in the NCAA scorebooks for the first time this season. The goal by Oliver actually upended the cage, knocking it over, as if to punctuate the new Falcon attitude: win at all costs.

With a one goal lead to protect, the defense stepped up yet another notch, sacrificing themselves for the team. Leger was knocked down twice only to spring back to her feet in time to stop any possible WNEC attack. Wendy Gagliani took a shot to the head, but continued to play despite the pain.

In the second half, the Falcon offence began to wear on the Bears, forcing them into long sprints as Forwards Gagliani and Kristen Hogan engineered several breakaways.

With five minutes to play, the WNEC players were able to mount an attack themselves, but together, Aube, Leger, and Klimko became a brick wall in front of goal keeper Dianne Marshall, not allowing this game to slip into overtime and preserving that one, precious goal for win number one.

"We really needed this one" commented FSC player Kristen Hogan. "This is a very talented team and we had to get on the winning track."

Western New England Coach Barbra Hanofee complimented the Falcon performance. "They played to win today and deserved it," she said. "I knew we'd have to play harder than they would, but Fitchburg was looking for their first win and those girls simply outplayed us. They were hungry."

FSC will play the Amcats of Anna Maria College on Thursday, September 29th and Assumption on October 6th. If the Falcons can continue to dominate defensively and find that important go ahead goal, the losses to USM and Nichols will be long since forgotten.

Prepare to forget.

FSC Athletics

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	TIES
Football	2	1	0
Field Hockey	1	2	0
Women's Soccer	4	0	0
Men's Soccer	0	3	1
Women's XC	3	1	0
Men's XC	2	1	0
Volleyball	1	5	0

FSC Sports Teams have posted a .500 total record three weeks into their seasons, carried by the women's soccer team and anchored by the winless men's soccer team. With MASCAC competition on every team's schedules this week, higher numbers in the "Wins" column are extremely important. Good Luck!